

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 9-13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present document contains subject matter related to that disclosed in commonly owned, co-pending application Serial No. 10/080,121 entitled SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE AND SEMICONDUCTOR LASER MODULE (Attorney Docket No. 216491US-6029-1294-8), filed on February 22, 2002, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.